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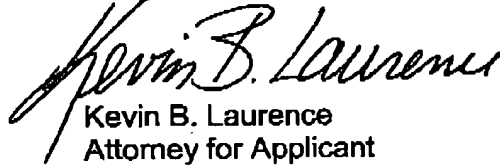
This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2004, in which claims 2-21 were pending in the above-referenced application. Claims 2-21 were rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 5,910,369. Claims 4 and 15 were rejected under statutory double patenting (35 U.S.C. § 101) as claiming the same invention as that of claim 2 of U.S. Patent No. 5,910,369.

By this paper, Applicant requests that claims 4 and 15 be cancelled. Applicant has also submitted herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) in order to overcome the non-statutory double patenting rejection of claims 2-21.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the claims are allowable in their present form, and favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of this application, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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